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# STUDENT OPINION

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## Ellensburg Wallops Cheney

### DOES DEMOCRACY FUNCTION EFFICIENTLY?

In this modern day much is said about Democracy, the will of the people, majority rule and many other such rhetorical phrases that mean much and nothing. Unscrupulous politicians have exploited these phrases as a means and a device of attaching themselves to a "meal-ticket." When the end of the meal-ticket is in sight some new phrases are coined and the larder is provided for again.

Oftentimes a group of well meaning men utilize these phrases and elevate themselves into power, and the star boarder is face to face with a lean year. These well meaning gentlemen who may be of wide vision, and have the welfare of the people at heart, try really to do something constructive and may succeed for a time; but when election time comes again, with all its red fire and red-der talk, its hungry politicians and their hirelings who would stoop at nothing too dirty, with all its mud-slinging and bombastic rhetoric, and the average citizen caught in this vortex votes blindly and out goes the well meaning gentlemen and in comes the old "gang."

Either wilfully or through neglect all the constructive work that is unfinished is abandoned and the old regime of plunder and waste rules.

New jobs created, new departments organized, plums handed out to friends, and the result is taxes raised sky-high with no apparent result for good, and the average citizen rages and fumes and waits until next election only to repeat the same process.

Now the question arises as to whether Democratic government as worked out in our time is efficient.

A Democracy with citizens that are not educated to understand thoroughly the principles of government and vital issues cannot work efficiently. Too often questions of great importance are left in the citizens'

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### NORMAL WINS FIRST CONFERENCE GAME

Last Thursday the Cheney Basketball team invaded our city determined to wipe out the defeat handed them last November on the gridiron. But their hopes were smashed when our team trounced them in the Y. M. C. A. gym, 29 to 22.

The first half was a whizzer. The Red and Black quintet outplayed their opponents in every department, as the score, 19 to 8, clearly shows. When play started again neither team seemed to be able to get started. Cheney had some luck with long shots and had a slight edge the last half, the score being 14 to 10.

Our team was without doubt the better team and should have won by a larger score. The boys seemed a little off form in finding the basket, missing shots that should have been connected. Cheney also missed several easy shots.

Jack Robinson, however, showed that he knew where the basket was by caging eight goals and thereby leading in scoring for both teams. Frank made four goals and a foul and

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### CALENDAR

Jan. 24—A. S. B. Assembly.

Jan. 24—At 7:30 p. m., in Assembly, a sendoff to Basketball team. Be there.

Jan. 25—U. of W. vs. Normal, at Seattle.

Jan. 26.—K. Y. S. Assembly.

Jan. 26—C. P. S. vs. Normal, at Tacoma.

Jan. 27 - 28—Bellingham vs. Normal, at Bellingham.

### THE CRY OF LITTLE CHILDREN

Below is a cablegram from Colonel Haskell of the American Relief Administration in Russia to the American Relief Administration headquarters in New York:

"Dec. 16, 1921.

"American Relief Administration, with the inception of its work three months ago, is now feeding 750,000 starving children in the Volga basin, and by the middle of January will be feeding in the neighborhood of 1,250,000, which is the limit of the present resources of American Relief Administration and supporting organizations. This number of children fed should be doubled at the very least to meet absolute minimum requirements and prevent wholesale child starvation. For the peak of need will be reached in the months of January, February, and March, and will continue until the September harvests, as the pitifully insufficient food supplies will gradually become entirely exhausted. I can state from direct knowledge which is the result of a personal visit to Russia:

First—That the need is desperate and far reaching.

Second—That all relief supplies not only can, but actually do reach in toto the children for whom they are intended. We have now demonstrated through direct operation of our kitchens now in existence from Petrograd to Astrakhan and from Moscow to the Ural mountains that child-feeding on American principles can be efficiently carried out. Only intensification by increase of resources is required to completely meet the situation.

Third—That we are meeting with no opposition from the Russian government. On the contrary, they are assisting to the best of their ability and are bearing the entire cost of operation in Russia. Russian people of all classes are welcoming and ap-

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## KAMOLA HALL GOSSIP

Thursday night we were entertained at dinner with a solo by Anne Wallace, accompanied by Thelma Gilham on the violin, and Eunice Swenson on the piano.

After dinner, we sang the Alma Mater and practiced several yells, so as to be in trim for the big game.

Suffering cats! We were awakened Thursday night by a poor little lonesome kitty wandering through the halls. The little innocent thing was the cause of more than one reprimand.

In order that we may become better acquainted, Miss Kennedy devised a plan of changing tables every week.

Friday was a happy day for some enthusiastic girls, planning and getting ready for the Trail Blazers' dance.

The following poem by Rosetta Perry gives a survey of Kamola Hall. Read and weep:

"Oh, for a minute of peaceful rest!"  
Is the cry at Kamola Hall.  
From hour to hour, from day to day,  
Not one quiet minute at all.

The pianos both work overtime  
Till they almost moan for rest,  
And the hopeful vocal aspirants  
See who can sing the best.

Footsteps forever echo  
Up and down the halls,  
And the laughing drives us frantic  
By the time the nightide falls.

And when we're writing letters,  
Or trying to take a doze,  
Someone drops in for a visit,  
For she some scandal knows.

At night when lights should be out  
And we're fixed for a peaceful sleep,

The mice and rats start working  
And their nightly vigil keep.

Then the mysterious knockings  
Are heard on every wall  
And if you ever get to sleep  
You're going some—at Kamola Hall.

Billy D.—My, but we will have to be careful how we walk during this kind of weather.

Glen—Yes, we will have to follow the Scripture: "He that standeth, take heed lest he fall."

## EXCHANGE

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OTHER SCHOOLS

Announcement that the annual spring vacation of one week would be omitted this year was made today from the president's office. This advances the time for commencement exercises and lengthens the summer vacation one week.—University of Idaho, Moscow.

Insisting that the Whitman college men live up to the physical education requirements of the college, the faculty decided at their monthly meeting that any man cutting three periods a term will be marked "failed" in physical education and will also lose two quality credits. Whitman has a requirement of six terms of physical education and has an athletic equipment for intramural players worth more than \$10,000. There are 22 teams with an average of six men on each team competing in the intramural league. Figures kept show that 75 per cent of the men of the college take part in athletic work. — Whitman College, Walla Walla.

Spring vacation at Reed college will be between March 25 and April

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3. In April the women's formal will open the social season for the month and April 28 will witness the junior prom. Reed day is scheduled for May 12 and on May 29 final examinations will begin. The following week is commencement week.—Reed College, Oregon.

Sixteen members of last season's frosh football squad have been voted sweaters by the first year class. This is the first time in the history of the school the frosh athletes have received sweaters and establishes a precedent. Two seasons ago the freshmen gave its eleven silver footballs. — Washington State College.

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## SOCIETY

MISS KENNEDY HONORED  
AT RECEPTION

Miss Ora Kennedy, the new dean of Kamola Hall, was honored at a reception given by the Kamola Hall girls Sunday afternoon.

The faculty and students of the Normal were presented to Miss Kennedy by the house officers.

Mrs. George H. Black and Miss Mabel Lytton were hostesses and served from tables beautifully decorated with yellow candles and snap-dragons.

Miss Kennedy wore a lovely afternoon gown of delft-blue trimmed with silver; and a corsage of violets and roses.

## TRAIL BLAZERS' DANCE

Friday evening, of January 20th, the Trail Blazers gave an informal dance in the gymnasium of the Administration building. The purpose of the dance was to raise money to buy sweaters for the football boys.

The music was donated by the Trail Blazers orchestra composed of Matt Hawthorne, piano; Earl Anderson, saxophone; Marion Masters, violin; Wm. Charleston, banjo; and Jack Robinson, traps.

The dance started at eight-thirty. About 85 couples were present and everyone seemed to have a very pleasant time.

The "Upper Ten" distinguished the Trail Blazers' dance with their presence and participation in the festivities last Friday evening.

Why wouldn't most of us want Miss Grupe to take St. Peter's place at the pearly gates?

Ans.—Because we couldn't get in if our I. Q. wasn't high.

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## DRAMATICS

The Dramatic club enjoyed a very delightful party last Tuesday evening. At 7:30 p. m. the group numbering about fifty assembled in the auditorium dressed in a variety of strange costumes, the significance of which was unknown to every one. The club had been divided into five groups, each group having prepared a pantomime for the occasion; so the very amusing and interesting program was as follows:

- 1—Downfall of Troy.
- 2—Cinderella.
- 3—Wild Nell.
- 4—Little Red Riding Hood.
- 5—The Three Bears.
- 6—The Sultan of Turkey.

After the program, the party moved to the music room where a very agreeable surprise awaited them. An indoor picnic had been prepared. The room was decorated in fir trees to represent the woods, and divers signs and devices made the party seem more than ever like an out-of-doors picnic. Members of the group participated in various races until the "picnic" was served—hot-dog sandwiches and cocoa. Lemons and stick candy furnished a bit of fun also. The evening was terminated in dancing.

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## A THOUGHT FOR COLD DAYS

One thing the prospective teacher must bear in mind when starting out in the profession of teaching, is to realize the importance of the physical comfort of pupils in relation to their ability to study and derive beneficial value.

One of the problems, and the most trying, is the matter of keeping school rooms warm enough during the cold snappy days in the winter. There is a high correlation between physical comfort and the ability to study and remember. It is nearly impossible to expect a child to sit in a room which has a temperature of 54 degrees and be able to study and respond in a recitation class. It cannot be done.

There are no doubt circumstances that cannot be avoided, such as a sudden cold snap, and in a condition like this it no doubt takes a heating system time to get adjusted, whether it is a one-room school with a wood stove or a large building with a steam plant. But cold rooms that persist day after day are inexcusable. There is an error or fault somewhere and it should be corrected.

Economy of fuel, if that is the error, is not economy, but rather waste, for pupils cannot and will not study in cold rooms (for this they cannot be blamed), and this is time wasted, the priceless heritage of us all. But this is not all; for continued conditions of this nature are bound to undermine health of both pupils and teacher. So to weigh economy of fuel against all this, is well nigh criminal.

Then it behooves you prospective teachers to bear this in mind when preparing for your life work, and make it a point that you will not forget the moral of this: Keep your pupils and yourself reasonably comfortable, and we might add that charity begins at home.

The wicked of one generation set the morals for the next.

The reason we exaggerate is probably due to the fact that what we say will be discounted 50 per cent anyway.

Try this ancient one again—

A funny old man said this to me,  
I fell in a snowdrift in June, said he;

I went to a ball game out in the sea,  
I saw a jellyfish up in a tree.

I found some gum in a cup of tea,  
I stirred my milk with a big brass key.

I opened my door on my bended knee,

I beg your pardon for this, said he,  
But 'tis true when told as it aught to be,

'Tis a puzzle in punctuation, you see.

(Solution in next week's paper.)

Mr. Mueller, who is the only male member of Ed. Six class, has been doing most of his sleeping there lately. The other day a young lady asked him if he thought he was a Turkish sultan.

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## THE VALE OF CONTENT

The drama, "The Vale of Content," by Hermann Indermann, is one of the best I have ever read. It is not restricted to one little part of the world, because if it were analyzed, we would find that the actors could play on the stage of life anywhere, and yet the theme of the play would remain. Indermann has a keen insight into human life and that one greatest thing in life, which is love.

"The Vale of Content" is a fitting title for this drama. It does not mean that the little world of happiness and peace is a little place in Germany; it is wherever you are, and it is your attitude toward life and toward love which makes that either a vale of content, or a vale of discontent. The author tries to show us that there are many different kinds of love. The love which Elizabeth really had for Wiedemann was that of service and sacrifice, which brings happiness, not for just one fleeting moment, but for life. The love which Elizabeth thought she had for Freiherr von Roecknitz was not the kind that lasts; it brought happiness which would never stand the test of time; it was a passionate love, the flame of which died down as soon as Elizabeth realized what she was doing. This love meant neither sacrifice nor service; it simply meant selfish, mad desire. The love which Wiedemann had for Elizabeth was real, true love, which meant sacrifice in the highest sense of the word. Although he loved her dearly, he was willing to give her up to Roecknitz, provided it meant happiness for her. Elizabeth was far above the level of Wiedemann, intellectually; she lived on a higher plane than he, yet, in the end, they found peace and happiness together.

I think that in this play the author made the readers realize that there are many different kinds of love, but only one kind will bring happiness, and that one is the love that means service and sacrifice. He also made them understand that "The Vale of Content" is wherever you are and it's up to you to make it a little corner of peace and contentment, not the kind that is shown on the surface, for the old saying, "Still water runs deep," is very true. After reading this play, one feels that if he were to follow its teachings, he would be guided aright, and would miss the rocks of despair and discontent.

—Helene Charneski.

Well I'll swear—

I ain't got nothing,  
Ain't had nothing  
'Cept you.  
Ain't seen nobody,  
Ain't had nobody,  
Ain't loved nobody,  
That's true.  
But if you'll love me,  
I'll love you:  
If you want money, tho',  
I won't do,  
'Cause I ain't got nothin',  
Never had nothin'  
'Cept you.

A boy, a match,  
A strong cigar,  
A period of bliss—  
Then GLOOM.  
A doctor, a nurse,  
A coffin, a hearse,  
A mound and  
Then—a TOMB.

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Bliss—Do you think that absence makes the heart grow fonder?  
Joy—You might try it for about forty years and see.

Ignorant Junior—What does I. Q. mean?

Brilliant Senior—I'm Queer.  
I. Junior—Which I thought so.

Madeline—I like your cigarette holder.

T. W. H.—I don't use any.  
Madeline—Don't be so dense.

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## ESWIN HALL NOTES

A meeting of the Trail Blazers was held shortly after the opening of the winter quarter. The purpose of the meeting was primarily to acquaint the new men with the purpose and spirit of the club. The question of the possibilities of helping the student body raise sufficient funds for the purpose of buying football sweaters was taken up and discussed. It was decided that with the consent of the student body the club would give a dance for the sole purpose of making up the deficit in the funds. A feature of the social hour following the business meeting was the decisive defeat of Mr. Bibb and Mr. Stephens by Willis Rambo and Roy Trolson in an interesting game of five-hundred. No alibi by Mr. Stephens will be sufficient to convince the future generation that five-hundred is still his hobby.

The Trail Blazers' dance was a great social success. The Trail Blazers' orchestra, which is probably the first male orchestra in the history of the school, and beyond a doubt the best one, surprised everyone with its "peppy" music and now threatens to surpass some of the local town orchestras.

Bill Harmon evidently didn't appreciate the harmonizing of his classmates when he appeared on the field of action Thursday evening at the basketball game. Don't misunderstand us Bill, old man, we're all for you.

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

There are number of Eswin club men who wish to announce that they have a date open on the 4th of February. Although no names are being mentioned it may be well to suggest for the benefit of the readers that the parties interested are somewhat bashful but nevertheless lovably energetic.

We, the woman-haters department of Eswin Hall, wish to announce that

our beloved president, Mr. Harold M. Potts, was once again with us Thursday evening of last week.

Will Cecil Peters ever get rich picking Rich Roses from Richland?

Members of the basketball team are looking forward with anticipation to the western tour next week. We feel sure that they will bring back the laurels.

Matt Hawthorne is spending the week-end at his home in Roslyn.

### Attaining of An Ambition Revised

Perry Mayer of the Solitaire Dance fame has abandoned the promising career and rumor has it that he is going in for hand-holding. Girls, beware; forewarned is forearmed.

Hallie Dimmick (at lunch table)—Why is my piece of cake like Gilland's recent motion?

Ans.—Because they are both layed on the table.

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Mrs. Starbuck—I just saw him going out the door.

Mrs. H.—Oh, no; I meant "The Little Minister" by Barrie.

Mrs. S.—Oh, he wasn't by Barrie; he was by Emma.

Willis (reading paper)—Isolated heart of chicken is alive.

Emma K.—Why, that must be mine.

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hands, who have been swayed by some crafty politician's rhetoric. A question of vital importance should not be hazarded with a citizenry that does not know its mind collectively.

Many instances in our own country's history can be recalled where the people were left to decide, with the result that important things were either left undone or put off to some future date.

Of recent times the League of Nations is an example of how people were swayed by an aggressive minority, and a most daring undertaking of human history was never given a trial.

If President Wilson had been a dictator and simply made the United States a member of the League of Nations, it would have been given a fair trial and if then it had failed, there would have been time enough to throw the plan overboard.

In arriving at any result of progress, experimentation should not be discouraged. We only discover through our willingness to try out a plan other than we have at present. For when the present system does not work, tradition or no tradition, something else ought to be tried.

An example of the inability of a democratic government to function to the best interests of human welfare is North Dakota. Five years the voters of that state believed a group of men to the extent of putting them in charge of their state and giving them authority to try some new plans. They seemed well satisfied with their judgment, and even to the extent of telling these people twice during an interval of five years to continue their work. Then suddenly told these same men to get out, but leave their plans.

To carry out these plans they have entrusted them into the hands of people who are not interested in the success of these undertakings.

Regardless of whether these plans will work or not, is it a logical thing to ask a man or a group of men to make a success of something that he or they are opposed to?

Is it sane reasoning on part of a

group of citizens to expend several millions of dollars for an experiment, hire men who understand this plan, then turn around and replace these men with a group who are not only unfamiliar with this scheme, but bitterly opposed to it, and then sit back and expect success?

This is Democracy at work in our republic and it is a blundering, inefficient machine that keeps alive a group of parasites who fatten off credulous citizens.

Democracy cannot work successfully with citizens who are not willing to think. This waiting for a Moses to lead us out of our Israel has its drawbacks, for if one can lead us out, another Moses will come along and lead us back into the same Israel.

—David Mazen.

## ASSEMBLIES

At the Monday Assembly we had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Cora Wilson Stuart speak to us on the Moonlight School movement of Kentucky. Mrs. Stuart is at present a representative of the National Educational Association of Women's Clubs and also of the National Educational Association and is promoting a campaign to eradicate illiteracy

throughout the county. The illiteracy problem is one which should be of vital interest to us, especially as there are 18,526 illiterates in the state of Washington.

Our regular A. S. B. assembly was held Tuesday. Miss Frances Buck, accompanied by Miss Lillian Gray, sang two charming songs. The Trail Blazers requested that they be allowed to make up the deficit on the Sweater fund so that the football boys may receive their sweaters without further delay.

Our "Know Your State" assembly was held Wednesday instead of Thursday. Mr. Herbert Evison of Seattle spoke to us on the preservation of our natural beauty spots by establishing state parks. Mr. Evison is the field man for The Natural Parks association.

Dorothy R. (relating the play, "Helen of Troy") — He grabbed Ulysses at the City Gates.



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## WE WALLOP CHENEY

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was second high man. Smith, the little Cheney forward, found his eye in the second half and scored three times. Miller, the other Cheney forward, showed remarkable ability in tossing fouls, converting six out of seven tries.

Wednesday, the 25th, the Ellensburg team leaves for the Sound where they will play four games. Wednesday night they play the "U" frosh, Thursday they meet C. P. S., and Friday they play Bellingham Normal.

Cheney, after losing here, defeated C. P. S. Friday, so the prospect of a Red and Black victory in Tacoma is bright, and if we give the boys the right kind of a send-off there is no reason why they should not come back with four scalps hanging to their belts.

The teams lined up as follows:

Ellensburg		Cheney
Robinson, J (16)	F	Miller (8)
Masters (4)	F	Smith (8)
Robinson, F (9)	C	Lafevre (4)
Wipple	G	Howe
Charleton	G	Langdon

Hawthorne substituted for Masters and Wynston for Lafevre. Sorenson refereed.

## PERSONALS

Misses Eunice Swenson, Anne Wallace and Thelma Gilham gave a beautiful selection at dinner at Kamola Hall last Thursday evening.

Orlena Giovanini entertained her mother over the week end.

The Jiggs family went skating Friday evening.

Miss Reno Diero entertained Miss Margaret Seddon over the week end.

Miss Margaret Pontin went home to attend her brother's wedding last Thursday.

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Dear Starlight—In last week's issue under the society column a party was described, at which "Gubberum" was served. Can you tell me what this is?—L. L.

L. L.—Sorry to say I do not know what "Gubberum" is. Whatever it is, it is powerful, as those who partook of it were escorted home. No doubt it is some kind of home brew. Judging from the name it must have been made from peanuts.

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